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layer of the plurality of different material layers is selectively etchable with respect to the etch stop layer; and

patterning an interconnection to the contact point.

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8. (Amended) A method comprising:

introducing an etch stop layer over a substrate;

introducing a dielectric layer over the etch stop layer between an interconnection line and a contact point on the substrate, the dielectric layer comprising a plurality of alternating material layers, wherein each respective layer of the plurality of alternating material layers is selectively etchable with respect to the etch stop layer; and

patterning an interconnection to the substrate.

## Please add the following new claims:

- --24. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the etch stop layer is silicon nitride.
- 25. (New) The method of claim 8, wherein the etch stop layer is silicon nitride.
- 26. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the plurality of different material layers includes at least one layer of silicon oxynitride.
- 27. (New) The method of claim 8, wherein the plurality of alternating material layers comprises alternating silicon oxynitride layers with at least one other material layer.--

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